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THE "FALSE PROFITS" OF FREE TRADE.

Never before, probably, has such a systematized campaign been waged against any one tariff item as that now under way against duty on sugar in the United States.

At the head of the combination which is making this attack on the sugar tariff are Claus G. Spreckels, whose wife is president of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, and F. J. Desoer and Frank C. Lowry, chairman and secretary respectively of the committee in charge of the campaign.

All this undoubtedly means that there will be more or less public opinion created in favor of the removal of all duties on sugar.

Great stress is being laid upon the assertion that the "people of the country" will be saved about \$70,000,000 a year for sugar by the removal of the tariff, of which they are now being "robbed by the sugar trust."

This country has had considerable experience with tariff manipulations and history has shown that under a high tariff prosperity is general, while under low tariff or an approach to free trade, there is general hardship and financial panics.

As only one instance of the way free trade works in the United States may be mentioned the matter of hides.

Well, the tariff was removed—and within three months the price of shoes went UP about fifty cents a pair all along the line.

It would be the same way with sugar. Once the tariff is removed, the trust would continue to do business at the same old stand and it would probably recoup any loss it might be put to by raising the price.

ARMY POST MEANS "CLEAN" CITY.

The news from San Francisco that Col. J. P. Wisser, commander of the army post at the Presidio, will recommend to the war department that the soldiers at the Presidio be reduced to as small a contingent as possible to care for the batteries because of the granting of saloon licenses near the Presidio gates, is interesting information for Honolulu.

This stand by Colonel Wisser and the action to be expected by the war department means that the army officers do not want any "wide open town" in Honolulu when the thousands of soldiers scheduled for this city finally arrive.

Since the information was given out that the war department intended to station within this city thousands of troops in barracks it has been whispered about town that there will be gay times here then, for the reason that a more liberal policy will be followed.

Thus, on account of the opposition of the war department itself, there is little danger that Honolulu will become a "dive city," as appears to be the fate threatening San Francisco under its present administration.

FLORAL PARADE SUGGESTIONS.

The Honolulu Brotherhood of Elks are not showing themselves in a pleasing light when they refuse to listen to suggestions that they decide upon the date for their annual carnival that will not clash with the date set for the Floral Parade.

Probably, before the present tentative plans are crystallized into a definite program, the Elks will have seen fit to change their minds.

The Floral Parade is the main thing and the plans of the committee should have precedence over those of restricted societies or organizations.

The twenty-second of February should be reserved wholly for the Floral Parade of the morning and the illuminated parade of the evening.

Incidentally, Honolulu is interested in the empire conference now in progress in London, at which the premiers of the British colonies are discussing questions of mutual interest.

TURN ON THE LIGHT.

Should a congressional committee come here to investigate sugar conditions, as well as the one the delegate threatened to set for to investigate Governor Frazier's administration of the public lands, there will be no need of any invited congressional party or the expenditure of any part of that \$20,000 appropriation.

Who is there in Hawaii who is not getting what he is "entitled" to? What is meant by "entitled," anyhow? Any man in Hawaii can get what he wants, but the trouble with many is that they want more than they earn and some want a good deal for nothing.

Who does Kubio refer to as "my people?" and does he mean that Governor Frazier is encouraging an "influx" of Asiatics, which means Filipinos.

What has the coming of Filipinos got to do with the homesteading policy, anyhow, and where is there a Hawaiian who cannot secure a homestead on the ninety-nine year lease plan if he wants one and is willing to comply with the easy conditions?

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THE LIMIT IN HYPOCRISY.

Morris F. Westheimer of Cincinnati, Ohio, president of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association, has favored The Advertiser with an advance copy of the address he had prepared for delivery at the sixteenth annual convention of his association, which opened in Chicago on June 5.

As an example of hypocrisy we doubt if type ever formed the words for anything better than this address. The following paragraph from it is a fair sample:

The attempts of the Anti-Saloon League to enforce prohibition through county option, on cities opposed to it, are responsible for the unfortunate conditions which prevail in cities thus prevented from governing themselves.

Here we have the president of the national wholesalers placing the blame for "blind pigs" and "boot-leggers" on the shoulders of the Anti-Saloon workers. As ninety-nine per cent of all liquors sold illicitly is purchased by the illicit dealer through the wholesale dealers, whom Mr. Westheimer was addressing, he knew and they knew how illogical, how utterly untrue and how rank with hypocrisy were his words.

The evil influence of the Anti-Saloon League and the sad plight of the government if deprived of the revenue from the liquor business appeared to be the main features of all the convention speeches.

"PEACE" IN MEXICO.

And now with peace established within her borders and General Madero, the revolutionary leader, practically in control and sure to be nominated for the office of a Mexican election, news comes of battles, murder and sudden death to men, women and children in the city of Cuicuilcan in the State of Simlona, while in Chihuahua the remnants of the federals bid defiance to the victorious insurgents.

At this moment the "Sister Republic" is weaker and of less account in the family of nations than ever. Warring factions are fighting at each other's throats with a bitterness of hatred only found in civil wars.

PEACE WITH JAPAN.

The Washington Star points out one benefit of the recent fighting in Mexico, which has brought about peace between the United States and Japan.

It has required a strong counter-attraction and assurances from many men in official life to allay the apprehension which literary warriors were creating in our quarters.

Evidently one of the points regarded as the strongest in the present attack upon the Sugar Trust is the fact that Hawaiian sugars are sold by agreement to the trust at a rate per pound on the Pacific Coast equal to the New York buying price less the freight from New York, while the trust charges the Coast consumer the New York selling price plus the freight.

Hawaii looms large in the discussion now raging around sugar and, as is announced by The Advertiser's Washington correspondent, there is a possibility of a special subcommittee of the house coming to Hawaii this year to investigate conditions surrounding the industry and investigate the relationship between the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association and the Sugar Trust, if any exists.

Members of the British Aero Club have been officially notified not to attempt to fly over the coronation crowds on the twenty-second.

WILL NOT STAND FOR MORE DIVES

WAR DEPARTMENT MAY REDUCE FORCE AT PRESIDIO—COL. WISSER ANGRY.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21.—That the granting by the police commission of licenses to saloons near the entrance to the Presidio will involve San Francisco in serious financial loss and irreparable loss of prestige was made plain yesterday by Col. J. P. Wisser, commander of the post, who announced that the reopening of these dives would result not only in the exclusion of the public from the Presidio, but the removal of most of the troops and the selection of some other Coast city as headquarters for the western division of the army under the latest plan for its reorganization.

Colonel Wisser announced the other day that if the police commission granted the licenses he would close the Lombard street gates to the Presidio, close the reservation to the public and so order the coming and going of the troops under his command that they would have to avoid the neighborhood occupied by the saloons.

If the licenses were granted, the colonel said, he would recommend to Washington that no troops more than necessary to handle the fortifications be stationed at San Francisco. Such troops as remain would be quartered at Fort Winfield Scott, at the most westerly edge of the post.

Will Move Troops. If this plan is carried into effect, and army officers say that it will be if the saloon licenses are granted, the garrison at the Presidio will be reduced from a full brigade to a few coast artillery companies.

The removal of these troops will mean a hit in the extensive improvements being planned by the war department at the Presidio. These plans include much costly construction work, which, if not done here, will be carried out elsewhere, and as the improvements will be of a permanent nature, the loss to San Francisco will be for all time.

Under the plan for the reorganization of the army the secretary of war has selected San Francisco as the headquarters of the western division. If the saloons are opened near the Presidio, Colonel Wisser will recommend that some other Coast city be selected as military headquarters.

In making this city the headquarters of the western division, it is the purpose of the war department to station enough troops at the Presidio to make it a two brigade post. In other words, the local garrison would be more than doubled.

Recommended Reduction. "If these saloons are given permission to reopen at the Presidio gate, I will immediately wire to Washington recommending that my present force be reduced to the minimum and that no more soldiers be sent here.

Several months ago, when this saloon question arose, I sent circular letters to the clergy and numerous business people, asking that they request the board of police commissioners not to grant the licenses.

Adolph Busch of St. Louis received the deputation of the commander of the Prussian Order of Red Eagle, given by Emperor William in recognition of his services in promoting Germanic culture in America.

HOMESTEADERS BEING INVESTIGATED AGAIN

MANY PLACES FOUND DESERTED IN KAUNAMANO—REPORT IS SUBMITTED.

(Mail Special to The Advertiser.)

HILO, June 10.—Deputy Attorney-General Smith came to Hilu this week and is now busy gathering data with regard to the Kailiki Third and the Opea-Pelea homesteads.

In the case of the Hakalau lands, a petition was sent to the legislature asking that patents be issued to the homesteaders, who claimed that they had fulfilled all the conditions and that their time for securing patents had long since passed.

Before the work had been completed the legislature went into session, and while this was on the attorney-general's department was too busy assisting the legislators to handle the homestead matter.

The investigation of the Kaunamano homesteads was finished by Mr. Smith a week or two ago, and he has just submitted his report thereon to the department.

With this end in view he had gone all over the homestead tracts and had interviewed all the homesteaders who were still on the land.

On the other hand there was nothing in the law to compel settlers to build larger houses, and the fact that the settlers had moved away might or might not have legal bearing on the matter.

On the whole, said Mr. Smith, it might well be said that there were two sides to the question and the homesteaders certainly had a good argument in their favor in the state of the road, which was almost impassable.

The second of the Public Service Association interisland three-dollar excursions will take place on July 1, when the Likileke will make a trip to Kauai over Sunday, July 2, returning to Honolulu by daylight of the third.

Those who wish to accompany the excursionists are requested to send their names at once to the Public Service Association, 122 South King street.

These will be special rates for members of any of the allied public service clubs in which dues are \$5 a year or over; these will pay three dollars and have the privilege of the upper deck; those who belong to improvement clubs with annual dues of less than \$5 a year pay \$3.50 for their tickets and have the same privilege; those who support no public work will pay three dollars and a half for lower deck accommodation.

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